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Fire Operations Scale Down on Kaweah-Kern Complex

Fire operations continue to scale down on the Kaweah-Kern Complex as the fire activity decreases in the Wildland Fire Use Projects. The helibase in Three Rivers has closed and air operations (consisting of two helicopters) are now based out of the Ash Mountain helibase near park headquarters.

The Paradise 2 fire is a suppression fire and crews are continuing containment efforts. Smoke conditions have diminished in recent days, but may increase slightly with variations in weather, such as small temperature rises or changes in the wind directions. High pressure continues to dominate the area with warm temperatures and low humidity. This pattern is expected to persist for the next 7 to 10 days. Firefighters will continue to patrol and monitor all fires.

FIRE UPDATE

Paradise 2 Fire

Firefighters continue to contain and suppress the Paradise 2 fire. Crews are constructing fireline on the southeast and northwest flanks of the fire. Helicopters continue to support firefighting efforts with water drops. The main fire activity continues to be on the northeast side, as the fire backs down towards Paradise Creek. Due to the steep and rugged terrain creating a danger for firefighters, full containment will occur when the rains come. Most smoke in the Three Rivers area is from the Paradise 2 Fire. A total of 375 acres has burned to date.

Wildland Fire Use Projects

Fire activity on the Giant, West Kern and Williams Wildland Fire Use Projects continue to be minimal with some smoldering and creeping in the forest duff and heavy fuel. While ground crews are no longer staffing these fire use projects, fire managers will continue to monitor them as needed. Several trails remain closed for the safety of the public: the Huckleberry Trail from the junction of Alta Trail to Crescent Meadow, the Trail of the Sequoias between the Congress Loop and Log Meadow, and the section of trail between the Alta Trail and Crescent Meadow.

Would you like more information about fire? Go to www.nps.gov/seki. Click on “Current Fire Information” under *Quick Links*. You will find press releases (including this one), fire restrictions, smoke information, and annual project list.

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